

## **Andrew Jackson to Amos Kendall, September 29, 1843, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.**

class=MsoNormal>TO AMOS KENDALL. 1

1 Cincinnati Commercial, Feb. 10, 1879.

Hermitage, September 29, 1843.

My Dear Sir: Yours of the 17th instant is this moment received, and I hasten to reply to it. I never had one cent of Mr. A. Burr's money in my possession in my life, or any contract with him. When last in this country. myself, Gen'l John Coffee and Major John Hutchings had a store and tavern at the Clover Bottom, both store and tavern superintended by Gen'l John Coffee and Major John Hutchings, and under their control; Aron Burr came there and took lodgings at the Clover Bottom, and made an engagement with Gen'l Coffee and Major Hutchings to have the flatboats built for him, and as I understood they had built for him one flatboat, [and] purchased for him some supplies for which he paid them. Mr. A. Burr left the Clover Bottom in a flat bottomed Boat, as they informed me, with a very honest Dutchman, Hans Castleman, and his two sons, to navigate his Boat, with one cow and a supply of corn meal for the crew, and supplies for the Col. of bacon etc., etc., etc., having settled his account in full with Coffee and Hutchings.

Some time after Col Burr was arrested. tried and acquitted. Blennerhassett took out an attachment in the now State of Mississippi, I believe at Natchez, and summoned me as a guarantia, to which I replied as heretofore set forth, and sent with it the statement of Coffee and Hutchings which put the malignant slander to rest, and I heard no more of

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this suit until the receipt of your letter now before me. I had neither interest or concern in the transaction with Burr, in furnishing the Boat and supplies; it was entirely a transaction between Gen<sup>l</sup> Coffee, Hutchings and Burr, as superintendents of the tavern and store; with them a mercantile transaction, who had the whole controle and management of store and tavern—I again repeat that I never saw or had in my possession, or received one cent of money from Col Aron Burr in my life; but that some vile slanderer, for I had my share of them at that day, had made such statement to Blanerhasset that induced him, Burr being, as he alledged in his debt. The moment I understood, my response to the garneshee reached the Court, the suit was dismissed. Not having seen the memoirs of Burr I cannot conjecture the substance of Blanerhasset's letter, but if it set forth any debt, or evidence of debt, due by me to Aron Burr it is a base fabrication. I never owed Aron Burr either directly or indirectly one cent in my life, nor had I ever one cent of his money in my possession during my life—So much for this slander. . . .